

Tower details:

St Nicolas Church, West Mills, Newbury, Berkshire, RG14 5HG.

Visiting groups:

The keyholder will meet you at the agreed time to unlock the tower.

For a quarter/full peal attempt it is advisable to close the door at the base of the tower to prevent unwanted visitors from interrupting the ringing.

The door to the ringing chamber should be kept closed whilst ringing is in progress due to the loudness of the bells.

After ringing you will be met by the key holder at the agreed time, who will lock up the tower behind you.

Ringling bells up/down:

The clock bells (5, 8 & 10) will need to be raised before ringing, unless your visit is on a Sunday or Monday when they will already be up. The clock hammers need to be pulled off before the bells are raised; the pull-offs for the 5 & 8 are straight ahead as you come into the ringing chamber from the stairs, and the pull-off for the 10 is behind the rope of the 10. The clock bells (5, 8 & 10) should be lowered after ringing, unless the visit is on a Saturday afternoon, Sunday or Monday – in that case they can be left up ready for Sunday service ringing or Monday evening practice.

Nearest toilets:

- Church hall (if open) opposite entrance to church
- Caffè Nero on Bartholomew Street opposite church
- Public toilets in Kennet shopping centre on Bartholomew Street opposite church

Suggested donations:

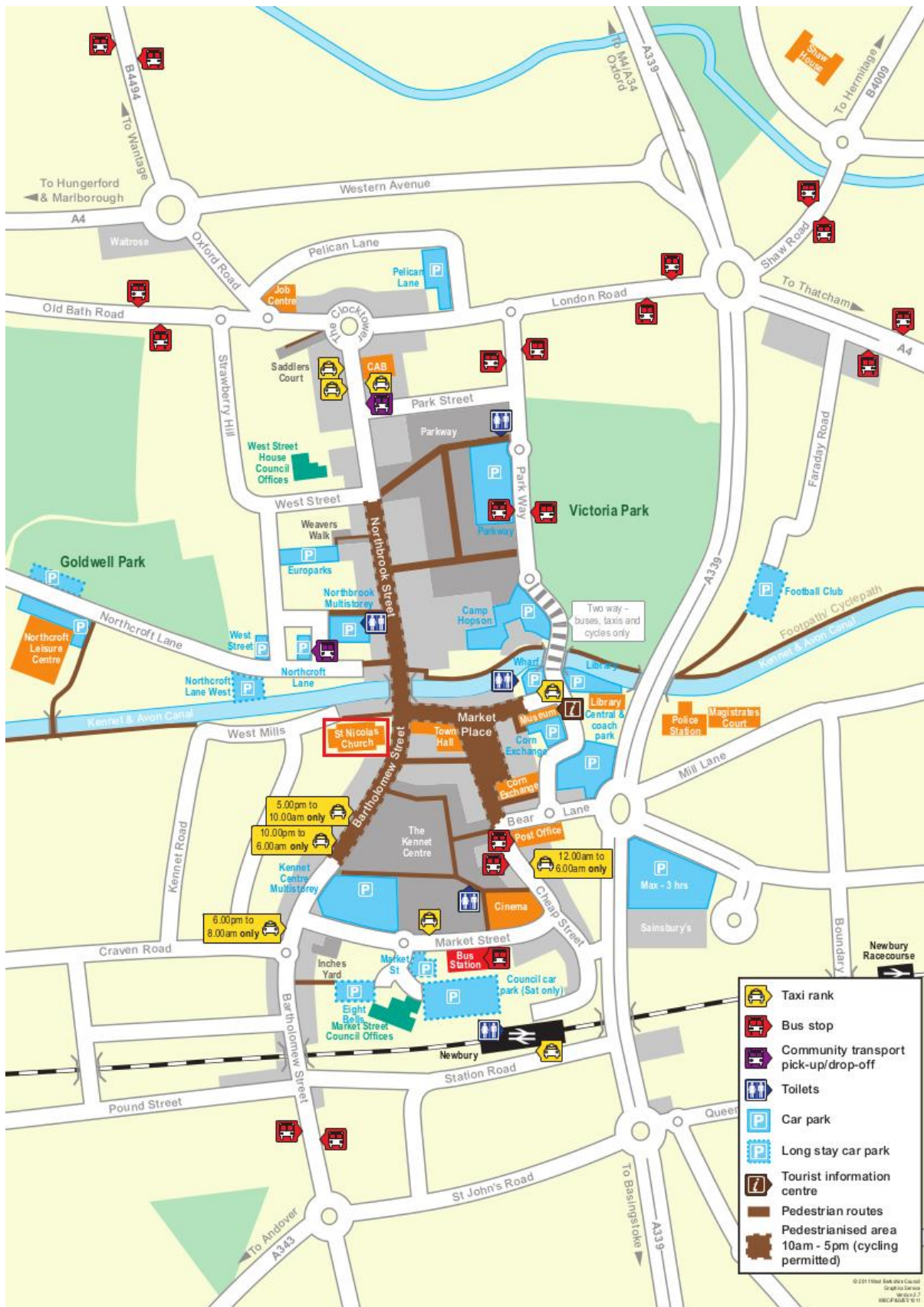
- Successful quarter peal: £1.50 per rope
- Successful full peal: £5 per rope
- Visitors (non-peal): £15 per band

In the event of an unsuccessful quarter/full peal attempt, the donation is at your discretion. Please leave any monies on the table in the middle of the ringing chamber.

Tower website:

<http://www.bellsnearnewbury.org.uk/newbury>

Map of town centre, including car parks



Suggested car-parks

Kennet Centre multi-storey car park, Bartholomew Street, Newbury, RG14 5LL.

To church - 2 minutes walk.

Note: fills up quickly on a Saturday.

Northbrook multi-storey car park, Pembroke Road, Newbury, RG14 1BX.

To church - 3 minutes walk.

Parkway multi-storey car park, Park Way, Newbury, RG14 1ED.

To church - 7 minutes walk.

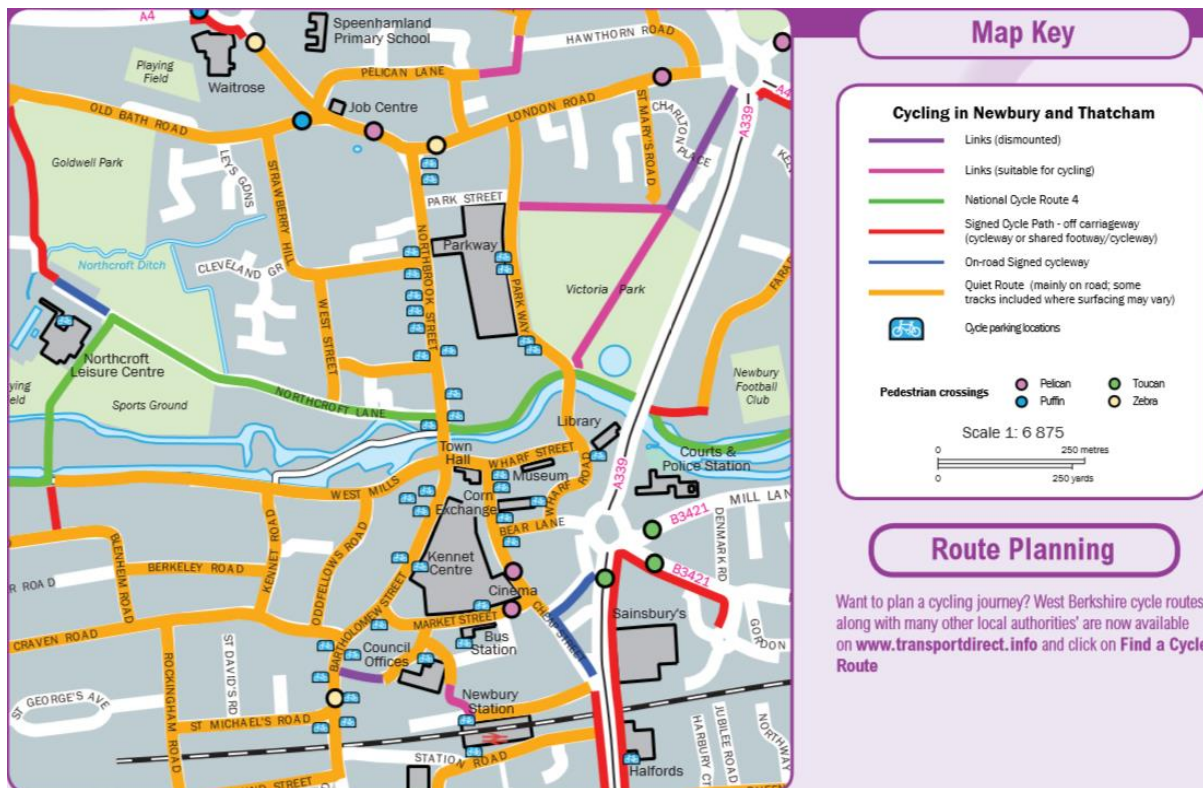
Pelican Lane outdoor car park, Pelican Lane, Newbury, RG14 1NX.

To church - 10 minutes walk.

Note: furthest away but fills up slower than the other car parks.

Information for cyclists

<http://info.westberks.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=36135&p=0>



How to find the tower door

